

**Northeast District Council
Wedgwood Presbyterian Church
8008 35th Ave NE
December 6, 2012
Meeting Minutes**

Members in Attendance: Barbara Krieger (Portage Bay/Roanoke Park), Tony Provine (Ravenna-Bryant), Gabrielle Gerhard (Windermere North), Jenny Frankl (Seattle Dept of Neighborhoods), Steve Wilkins (U District Community Council), Jeannie Hale (Laurelhurst), Kelly Tremblay (Matthews Beach Community Club), Matt Hoehnen (Roosevelt Neighbors' Alliance), Adrienne Karls and Peter Zimmerman (Residents of Magnuson Park), Nicolette Bromberg (Belvedere Terrace), Nancy Bolin (Wedgwood), John Adams (Roosevelt Neighborhood Association), Kurt Westman (Wedgwood Community Council)

Guests: Alex Pederson (legislative assistant to councilmember Tim Burgess & Ravenna resident), Edna Shim (Seattle Children's Hospital), Per Johnson (Wedgwood Community Council), Wilbert Santos & Ellen Blair (Sound Transit), Kristine Cunningham (Roots), Jamie Lee (Sanctuary Art Center), Joe Gruber (University Food Bank)

Minutes approved: Nancy Bolin moved, and Peter Zimmerman seconded, that the November meeting minutes be approved. Unanimous

Announcements:

Jeannie Hale: Offered email address changes to the letter sent to Sound Transit Proposed Noise Variance, dated Nov. 16, 2012. Council members (at least John Adams? Steve W?) suggested that a truck route of NE 50th was preferred to NE 45th since there was to be extensive work at NE 43rd intersection (old WAMU banksite) and very noisy near this site.

CNC Report:

Tony Provine reported that the CNC is looking for new committee members for the Transportation, Budget, Planning, Education, and Neighborhood Matching Fund committees. Send emails of interest to Tony Provine, the Dept of Neighborhoods and the CNC. **Tony is looking for someone to be the alternate CNC representative. CNC meets monthly on the last Monday, from 6:30-9:00 p.m.**

Public Comment:

Sound Transit Outreach - Wilbert Santos and Ellen Blair

Ellen & Wilbert offered fact sheets, indicated construction impacts, and provided a map and brochure on the Northgate Extension of Link-Light rail. Approximate construction timelines: soon completed will be the demolition of old QFC at 66th and Roosevelt; then 2013 Feb-June will be utility relocation; at end of summer there will be a larger excavation into 2014, under separate variances for the U District Station and Roosevelt Station.

When asked, Ellen responded that mitigation will be written into the construction contract, i.e., no pilings driven or noisy work after 7 pm, prohibit night hauling of excavation dirt unless behind schedule,

etc. John Adams asked about the apparently high construction fence and Ellen discussed this with him after the meeting. Barbara asked about the possibility and inclination for the proposed U-District open space plaza. According to Wilbert, that decision has not yet been finalized. Sound Transit is still in negotiations with UW for the property they will need for the station. They offered contact details for NEDC members to get additional information.

NE Seattle Transportation Needs Assessment – Per Johnson

Introduced a concept in which the plans, stakeholders, and neighborhood needs in the northeast district could be better coordinated with a transportation consultant hired via the DON Large Project Fund Grant. He asked that suggestions to refine this concept be sent directly to him percjohnson11@gmail.com, and he will provide an email to all outlining his draft concept.

SANCTUARY ART CENTER (SAC) – Jamie Lee

The mission of SAC is to help homeless youth and the young adult population positively express themselves through art, performance, and music. SAC's model is similar to Fare Start. They work with Seattle Public Schools and an employment program, for example, learning screenprinting. SAC recently opened a gallery space in Pioneer Square, on 2nd and Yesler in the old neighborhood service center.

Presentation from ROOTS Shelter – Kristine Cunningham

Talked about the goals for this shelter in the Univ. Temple Methodist church – they have 45 beds and often have to turn away young adults in need of shelter. She thanked NEDC for the food and clothing items that were presented at this meeting.

Presentation from U District Food Bank – Joe Gruber

Joe updated NEDC on the families served (1100 per week!, 45,000 lbs/week!) and the future expansion of this Food Bank at 50th and Roosevelt. He talked about the Back Pack program, wherein kids at risk for hunger over the weekend are given backpacks filled with nutritious food. He thanked NEDC for the donated food items.

Meeting adjourned for the Christmas Party to thank NEDC members for their yearlong service.